

## Utah History Day HANDS-ON HISTORY



Utah's National History Day® affiliate serves more than 5,000 fourth- through twelfth-grade students in public, private, charter, online, and home schools across Utah. Students conduct extensive research on a topic of their choice. They learn to use real historical sources and draw conclusions based upon historical evidence. Then students create exhibits, websites, documentaries, performances, or papers to showcase their work. Projects are judged in local, regional, and then state contests. The best Utah students advance to the national competition.

### History Day is... Engaged Learning

**90%** of students rate History Day as one of their best or better **learning experiences**.

**86%** of students **worked harder** on History Day than on their typical schoolwork.

**76%** of students found their History Day project **more interesting** than their typical schoolwork.

**62%** of students worked with adults outside their schools, including **local subject specialists, librarians, historians, and archivists**.

### History Day Builds Critical Skills

More than **80%** of students reported improvement in these skill sets:

**Knowledge of History: 89%**

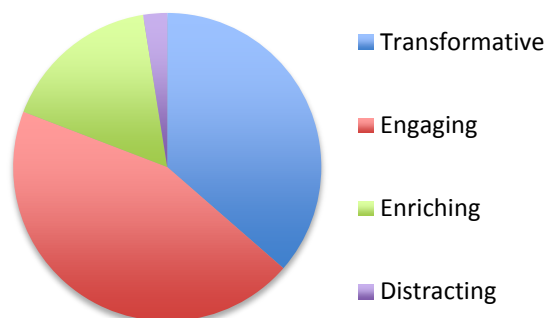
**Critical Thinking: 83%**

**Communication: 82%**

Everything I've learned during NHD has helped me be prepared for college, high school, and life. NHD has changed the way I see the world, the USA, and everything I do.

Bethany Thackeray  
Timberline Middle School

### History Day is... Transformative Learning



**Transformative:** History Day develops skills and knowledge that will increase future success in school.

**Engaging:** History Day develops a deeper interest in studying history.

**Enriching:** History Day builds on existing knowledge and skills.

**Distracting:** History Day kept students from completing other schoolwork.

### A Pathway to Future Success in School, College, and Careers

**77%** of students feel **better prepared for college** because of the skills gained through History Day.

**70%** of students feel History Day has increased their expectations for **future success in school**.

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